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In re Application of:  
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For: Treatments for Drill Cuttings

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed October 3, 2003.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 7-8 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuaton-in-part of pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/426,172, filed October 22, 1999, which claims the benefit of provisional application number 60/105,502, filed October 23, 1998.